



Ice Skating Australia Incorporated

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Online National Benchmark Competition 2021- Singles, Pairs, Ice Dance Communication 124 v2

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Related Policies/ Procedures/ Forms			

1 Purpose of the Communication

This online competition will provide another opportunity for **Adults (Copper, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters and Elite Masters), Preliminary, Elementary, Basic Novice, Intermediate, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior** athletes in all Singles, Pairs, Dance divisions to compete. Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior will be required to skate both programs. It will also allow officials from all States and for Members who reside overseas an opportunity to participate. It will also allow skaters the chance to gain or improve their benchmark scores.

Revised online synchronized events are in development and should be announced soon.

2. Technical Requirements

Refer to ISA By Laws.

3. Conducting the Competition.

ELIGIBILITY

- States will call be able to nominate **as many** skaters/couples/pairs in each division. Where a skater is overseas training, the State should endeavour to ensure these skaters are included.
- In singles divisions, Ladies and Men will skate separately.
- States may have an entry fee which can then be used to ensure that the skaters can skate their programs on clean ice. States may choose to try to simulate an event giving the skaters a chance to have a small audience and run through on clean ice. **However, cleared ice is not mandatory.**
- States need to send the list of entries to ISA by **15 April 2021** - this will be forwarded to the Judging Convenor so that panels can be formed.
- States must also obtain permission from each competitor for their video to be published on the ISA website should they place. Each state is responsible for informing ISA in writing if any skater cannot be published.

- Nominated skaters skate their programs between **16 – 30 April, 2021**, with a State official or a Judge present who will be responsible for verifying the time and date the program was skated. A signed skating order is acceptable.
- If a State official cannot be present then any ISA Referee, Controller from that discipline, or another ISA approved person, can watch the event via zoom to verify it.

VIDEOING (see also ISU Communication 2351)

- The State will be responsible for organizing the videoing of the program or giving the coach(s) permission to organise a video person.
- The video person must stand on the barrier where the technical panel would normally sit in the centre of the rink and make sure that every part of the skater is in the camera at all times.
- All videos should start from just before the skater is announced with their name and state clearly displayed on a clipboard/sheet.
- Videos should be filmed in landscape and zoomed in on the skater when they were far away.
- High resolution videos are best (720p or 1080p where possible) in MP4 Format.
- The camera must remain in one place in a stationary position during the recording.
- ISA set up folders in Google Docs for each event
- The files must be sent to administration@isa.org.au by WeTransfer.com **by 5pm 2nd May**.
- The files will be named as follows: **Division; section; skaters' surname, first name-state**
E.g. Junior Ladies-Short- Noyes, Debbie-NSW
- A PPC for each skater/team will be sent separately to ISA also.
- Only those videos and accompanying PPC electronically received by this date will be considered as entered.
- ISA will be coordinating the event in co-operation with State bodies.

4. Judging of the Competition. (Refer Appendix 1 for a suggested time line)

- The OD for Judges/Officials will call for availability and construct the panels from officials available in accordance with the ISA Benchmark policy, as soon as possible after receipt of the list of entries.
- Each event will be assigned Technical Panels and Judging Panels with a designated accountant.
- OD Judges will organize a video meeting for all technical panel members and referees in the week prior to the event.
- An initial judges meeting will be held for each panel in the week preceding the event at a time designated **by each referee who will organize a video meeting for their panel**.
- Upon receipt of the list of skaters each Controller will then **use the ISA Template** (which will be emailed to them by the OD Technical regulations) to input the list of skaters in the event spreadsheet (alphabetically) and issue the PPCs to their panels prior to the event and organize a zoom meeting to view the event.
- The Controller and the panel watch the **event together via video meeting** within 2 days of receiving the list of names. OR if this is not possible asks the Technical panel to view the event and then holds a video meeting to gain consensus.
- The controller plays the video and the panel watch the video and write down their calls. At the end of each video the Controller goes through the list discussing each element and ensures consensus.
- **Any elements that cannot be viewed in their entirety will be called BASE, in the case of jumps, they will be downgraded.**
- The Controller writes the calls on their spreadsheet (if possible, have the accountant on the videomeeting to input live).
- The controller also indicates any bonuses or falls that a skater will receive on the spreadsheet (Refer Appendix 2)
- The spreadsheet with the calls (minus the levels) to will be sent to the Referee

- The Controller then sends the spreadsheet to their designated accountant with all the levels which the accountant who inputs into the computer and liaises with the Controller for verification. This is the Controller authorising the input. This must be done within 3 days of the Controller receiving the list of entries.
- The Referee distributes the ISA spreadsheet (minus the levels) to all the judges on the panel with the link to the videos.
- The judges have 2 days to watch each skater and record their GOE and component scores for each element electronically **on the spreadsheet that was provided** which they send back electronically to the Referee. Any judge that does not return their spreadsheet or fill in the correct spreadsheet to the Referee within 3 days of receipt will be deemed as not participating and their results will not be used.
- The Referee inputs all the judge's marks (by cut & paste of the sent judges spreadsheet) onto one spreadsheet which is sent to the accountant for input. (Refer Appendix 3)
- The Referee is also responsible for any other deductions apart from falls and indicating when half time is with an X on the spreadsheet.
- After input the Referee is responsible for checking all the input Judges marks.

5. Results of the Competition.

- After the completion of each event the accountant sends the final checked results to Kim Wilson who organizes for the result and the videos of the top three placed skaters to be posted on the ISA website.
- ISA will announce the results of the events on May 15, 2021
- ISA will then send out medals to the place winners.

APPENDIX 1

An example of a timeline for this event is:

- Monday- Joint Referee & Tech Panel Meeting
- Tuesday-Referee has IJM
- Thursday- Controller receives files and entry
- Friday/Saturday-Tech panel call event via zoom and Controller send calls to accountant
- Friday/Saturday – Referee receives calls from Tech Panel and distributed to Judges
- Sunday-Controller checks all input calls from the accountant.
- Tuesday- Referee receives marks from Judges and then compiled and sent to Accountant
- Thursday - Protocol from Accountant received by Referee for checking, processed corrections and then approved
- Friday-Accountant sends checked results to Kim Wilson for posting on ISA website
- Saturday - RTD

**APPENDIX 2 -Sample Spreadsheet from Controller
ISA will provide a template**

Sample spreadsheet from Controller to Accountant

Skater – Susie Star -QLD

1A q
2S< + 1A + seq
SSp1
1Lze + 1Lo
1Lo
CCoSp1v
StSqB

Falls =0
Bonus=0

Sample spreadsheet from Controller to Referee

Same Skater
Skater – Susie Star -QLD

Susie Star -QLD		Ref	J1	J2	J3	
1A q						
2S< + 1A + seq						
SSp						
1Lze + 1Lo						
1Lo						
CCoSp						
StSq						
Falls =0						
SS						

Int						

APPENDIX 3 -Sample Spreadsheet from Referee to Accountant

Susie Star -QLD		Ref	J1	J2	J3	
1A q		-1	0	-1	-2	
2S< + 1A + seq		-3	-3	-3	-4	
SSp		0	+1	0	0	
1Lze + 1Lo		-3	-4	-3	-5	
1Lo		+1	+1	+1	0	
CCoSp	X	+1	+1	+1	+1	
StSq		0	+1	0	0	
Falls = 0						
SS		3.25	3.5	3.0	3.25	
Int		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	
Other Deductions	0					

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1.0	16 October 2020	New Communication
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